

# VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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**THE DEPARTMENT** of Public Works recently purchased a portable lift that is used for taking down and putting up the Highway

67 and Fontana Boulevard flags and banners, and for completing many other light pole and tree management related duties.

## Bridge Closing Oct. 19 for Construction Project Will Block Geneva Lake Shorepath in Fontana

Following the completion of an initial project to relocate the sanitary sewer force main at the lakefront, the \$1.7 million reconstruction of the Village of Fontana South Lakeshore Drive bridge is now scheduled to commence Monday morning, October 19, 2015.

Also commencing on the morning of October 19th will be the closing the Geneva Lake shorepath at the Fontana lakefront, as pedestrians will not be able to cross the bridge. Signage will be posted on the shorepath leading into both sides of the Village to warn pedestrians to make other plans to get past the Fontana lakefront until the new bridge has been opened in May 2016.

The Village of Fontana bridge construction contractor, Zenith Tech, Inc., will be closing the

bridge on October 19th and the official DOT detour route used in the summer of 2014 during the temporary emergency repair project will again be in effect until the completion of the new bridge in May 2016. The detour route is south on Highway 67 to County Highway B, east to Indian Hills Road, and north back to South Lakeshore Drive.

A project to relocate the sanitary sewer line at the lakefront was completed October 12, 2015, and restoration work on the beaches will take place following the burial of the electrical, cable and telephone utility lines from the bridge to Shabbona Drive.

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## The Cop Shop ...

### Police Have Busy Summer



By Chief Steve Olson

Another busy summer has passed with the Police Department staff handling 2,221 calls for service as of September 28, 2015.

A vehicle was seized from an alleged drug dealer and forfeited to the Village of Fontana. The vehicle was sold and the proceeds were split between the Village and the State School Fund.

The Police Department is replacing its 25-year-old, obsolete records management system this year. The new system will interface with the court system eliminating the need for double data entry. The department will also be able to network with numerous other law enforcement agencies in the area that use the same system; this will reduce paperwork and increase patrol time.

With winter only weeks away, we want to remind all residents and visitors not to park on any public road between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am, seven days a week. This is especially important during snowfall when the Public Works Department needs full access to plow roads. Please remove any objects in the Village's right-of-way (about 5 feet from the edge of the blacktop) such as basketball hoops or reflective poles.

Be sure to visit the Police Department website at [www.fontanawipolice.com](http://www.fontanawipolice.com) or find us on Facebook for all the latest in police related information regarding Fontana and important links.

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## Bridge

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The bridge construction schedule is as follows:

\* **Construction Commencement:** October 19, 2015 (NOTE: The emergency replacement deck will be removed and the bridge will be closed to motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic until the May 13, 2016 completion date).

\* **Geneva Lake Channel Closure:** October 19, 2015. The Geneva Lake Channel from the Abbey Harbor will be open for boaters on weekend days through the end of October; however, the channel will only be open for boaters on weekdays before 7:00 am and after 5:00 pm when there will be no construction work taking place that will prohibit the safe passage of



**THE CHANNEL** to Geneva Lake from the Abbey Harbor will be open for boaters before 7:00 am and after 5:00 pm on weekdays once the bridge construction project commences October 19, 2015.

boats at the slow no-wake speed. In the spring there may be some channel closures to set the girders, if they are not already set during the winter months. The staging of the construction activities and the scheduling of opening and closing times for the channel will be coordinated throughout the construction period by the project engineers and contractor with the employees of the Abbey Harbor Association and village staff.

\* **Substantial Completion Date:** May 31, 2016.

## DPW Prepares for Leaf Collection

Village of Fontana Public Works Department Manager Brett McCollum has requested that property owners pay close attention to the collection guidelines for leaf and brush collection this fall. The longstanding guidelines that residents are supposed to follow if they want leaves collected at the curbside include separating leaf piles from the brush and making sure the piles are not in the road. Leaf piles that are in the road can cause labor intensive storm sewer and snow plowing problems.

Property owners must rake the leaves no farther than 10 feet from the street, but not out on the pavement. Do not place any leaf or branch piles in the street or they will not be picked up and a municipal citation could be issued.

Any leaves that are not picked up because they are outside the 10-foot area should be raked to within the area for collection the following week. Do not pile the leaves or branches around or even within 4 feet of a mailbox or other post that you do not want damaged.

There must be no metal objects, branches or

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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** Dale Thorpe and Village President Pat Kenny recently attended a meeting of the Upper Gardens Association to discuss the ongoing snow plowing services easement agreement project. Many of the village subdivision associations use the Village Hall meeting room for their annual meetings. Contact Village staff at (262) 275-6136 to reserve the meeting room.

## Leaf Collection

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rocks in, around or under the leaf piles or the leaves will not be picked up. If any of these objects were vacuumed up, it would cause serious damage to the machine.

During fall and spring, the entire village is covered on a weekly basis starting at the northern Village limits, progressing through downtown and Country Club Estates, and finishing along South Lakeshore Drive at the eastern Village limits.

**FONTANA Park Commission** Treasurer Sarah Lobdell (left) recently received a check from Fontana Garden Club member Gail Hibbard. The funds are used to purchase seeds for the Oak Savanna and Native Prairie Restoration Area. Hibbard also serves as a Park Commissioner and is the volunteer coordinator for the savanna and native prairie areas at the Duck Pond.



## Police Collecting Items for Food Drive

The Fontana Police Department is collecting items for the annual Feed the Need Food Drive through October 29, 2015.

The demand for food assistance continues to grow in our area of Walworth County and the local food pantry is low on supplies. Last year hundreds of food items and hundreds of dollars were donated by the citizens and businesses of Fontana to our local food pantries.

You can drop off your donations of either food or cash at the Police Department or, if you live/work in Fontana, you can call 275-2275 and an officer will stop by to collect your donation. A receipt will be issued for any cash donations, if requested. Students, parents and staff may bring donations on the night of the Fontana Grade School Fall Fun Fest October 29, 2015.

The pantry coordinated has asked for non expired canned fruit and vegetables, canned Sloppy Joes, soup of all kinds, pancake mix, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, jelly, ravioli, syrup, salt, corn muffin mix, Ramen noodles, cooking oil, Jell-o or pudding, laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap and diapers.

## Library Has New Hours

The Fontana Public Library has a new parking lot behind the Village Hall building on the north side of Second Avenue, as well as amended open hours. Effective October 5, 2015 the Library is open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday, and from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday. The Library is closed on Sundays and holidays.

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